

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Total bullcrap. I have no idea why you people are bent on killing more elk. There will be no quality left with tag number increases like this. Units like the Nebo have been making a comeback over the years. As a local it's been nice to see. We've all been waiting for the DWR to want more money to increase tag sales and generate more revenue for yourselves. And here we are. Ridiculous!

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? Again.... All you're seeing in dollar signs

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Again, elk eradication.... Why? I do like to see the doe permit decrease

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The majority of this I can get on board with. I still however, have a major issue with the trail cams. Esp after the lastest sneaky bill by Snider. Public should be able to use non transmitting cams all year just like the CWMU units. Completely unfair to the average hunter.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I really like the decreases in numbers in the north with such a harsh winter. I somewhat disagree with the statement that harvesting bucks has no affect on the overall population and I really want whoever reads this to consider my point I'm about to make. Although it may be true that hunting bucks does not affect overall population numbers, it does have an affect on buck numbers and here is why. The more bucks harvested per unit decreases the amount of bucks available to breed the doe's on the unit. I have personally seen more bucks than I can count breed themselves to death. So by killing more bucks, we are killing even more by running the ones left ragged by trying to breed all the doe's. And this is more specifically to general units which it sounds like we as a state don't give a hoot about mature bucks on these units because he said at least 50% of bucks killed on the these units are yearling bucks. That needs to change. That is not ok. But overall, I hope this whole thing isn't driven by money and we are really doing what is best for the populations.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I agree that tags should be cut in northern Utah, this winter was hard, I am Strongly disagreeing with the raise of tags on the oquirrah/Stansbury unit, I live and work in this unit and also hunt it. The deer have done a lot worse on the Stansburys than I think you guys might know. I've seen countless dead deer while checking cows this winter. One thing i think you guys might not realize is that the oquirrah mountains is almost not even huntable do to the very large CWMU and private lands taking up most of that side of the unit. Along with the ensign ranch land swap, and reservation land on the Stansburys, people are tripping over each other trying to hunt as it is. I think tags should be cut for that reason, if nothing else they don't need to be raised. Thank you.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

You're proposing a rule about abolishing technology that I have paid a premium for and currently use (garmin bowsight). If this rule is passed, I will have a \$1300 bowsight that I cannot use to hunt. Will the division reimburse me after banning a product that is currently legal? This is a device that allows me to make a MORE accurate and ethical shot on an animal, rather than guessing a range and shooting gaps between pins. This device combines two legal pieces of equipment into one (laser rangefinder and bowsight). There is no data that I'm aware of to support the contention that this device has increased the archery harvest rate to an unsustainable level. I would invite you to spend a few hours on various forums or social media pages during the first few weeks of archery season, the number of lost bulls and bucks is astounding. Why would you create a rule to limit people to less accurate bowsights when better options exist?

The rule is poorly written as well. It does not explicitly ban rangefinder integrated sights, it allows no electronics other than illuminated sight pins, which my garmin bowsight has. Does that mean that my sight is exempt from this rule?

Please rethink this rule, it's simply unfair to ban a bowsight in common use that residents have paid good money for.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I would like to suggest a possible change of a harvested Deer requirement to be at least a 3 point or larger to be harvested, allowing the younger bucks a chance to mature.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The regulations on straightwall cartridges needs to be revised as they are not clear. The current regulations states: "...a minimum bullet diameter of .35 caliber". "Caliber" is not a unit of bullet diameter. "Caliber" is typical noted as the bore diameter of the firearm. Bullet diameter and "caliber" are not the same. I recommend you change the regulation to " "...a minimum bullet diameter of .355 inches". Do not include the word "caliber." Typical "35 Caliber" rifle cartridges are .358" bullet diameter but the new straight wall 350 Legend cartridge designed for your intended application has bullet diameters that range from .355-.357".

Other states (midwest states) have recently made this error and it creates unnecessary confusion.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

We've had one of the hardest winters ever and you're thinking of adding tags for the Central Region? Makes no sense.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

That's good you decreased the total number of deer permits but all the units in familiar with there was a huge increase, these units are not doing good, nebo was already struggling with and is now having terrible winter kill and you are proposing a huge increase, totally backwards, Vernon is struggling with deer numbers and you proposed an increase, won't be much of a limited entry Hunt soon. And oak creek is doing very well so why not keep it the same as it's obviously working?

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April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? With the winter that we are having there should be drastic, cuts in tag numbers, if not eliminating the general season deer hunt altogether for this next year

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I think because of the winter that we have experienced, they should cut all antlerless permits for deer and elk in Utah to give the herd the chance to rebound

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?	1-Don't cut tags in northern utah and allocate those tags to central/southern 2-Let's use this harsh winter to our advantage and promote management hunts. Let's really help the state eliminate its big 2 and 3 point deer problem. Along with stags. Let's 1/2 the tags in all LE units and make them management tags. 3 point or less on one side or full velvet in October.
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?	I think we need lower tags statewide if we want to continue our reputation as one of the best elk states in the west.
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?	Eliminate the cow elk hunt. Or at a minimum the late hunt which ran until end of January. We are hunting these animals non stop for far too long and in times when it has been stated that it is crucial for no harassment.
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change?	If I can't use my trail cameras on public land for hunting , and now, not even for fun, then they shouldn't be able to either.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

1- I loved running my trail cameras year around to watch wildlife. Had some amazing pictures and videos of things you don't get to see very often if at all. My cameras never caused an animal to be harvested, all they do is take a picture. If they are good enough to be used on CWMU's and by the division for biological research, then why can't the public use them on the public land?

2- If I have a tag, I have the legal right to harvest an animal. Why does it matter if I want to use trail cameras, or have a scope on my muzzleloader or an electronic archery sight? As long as I am using the correct weapon for the season, I have the right to harvest one animal.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I have been fortunate to be able to hunt deer most years here in Utah in the central region. I have watched the deer herd and mature buck ratio decline over the years. The more people that want to hunt Utah it seems like the more tags that are given. It's not if they are here hunt them it's we should preserve the animals so future generations are able to enjoy them as much as we have growing up. Other states are also cutting tags way back because of the winter conditions this year. Yet we are adding tags to areas that have struggled for a long time. We need to cut tags in all areas this year for obvious reasons and not worry about if someone don't draw a tag. Hunting is not a participation trophy sport. The state needs to not worry about how much money they can make on tags and take into consideration the future of the wildlife that can be hunted in this state.

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? The restricted weapons changes were sorely needed. I think you guys got it right all around!

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the technology
recommendations for 2023?

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I do not think using 2 way radios or real time communication to stalk a specific big game animal is an issue

An on ALW hunts I think a scope that can be combined or coupled with range finding binoculars is fine-it's not specific whether or not that is allowed with the "only illuminated reticles are fine"

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? I disagree with the proposal to require hunters to "physically check the area where they shot at an animal". We need to stop making every good ethical hunting practice a law. It does not allow for nuanced situations, such as when there is a clear miss on the animal. Requiring a hunter to potentially cross a canyon, lose and regain hundreds and even thousands of feet of elevation is just ridiculous. It becomes difficult to enforce and difficult to prove as a hunter. I agree that it is a good principle and should be taught in hunter's education, encouraged in the field regulations, and encouraged with in our hunting culture. However, that does not mean it should be a law. There are already wanton waste laws, this seems unnecessary.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I disagree with the proposal to regulate two-way communication. In particular, it would be difficult to regulate cell phone use in today's day and age. It becomes difficult to establish what communication "aid(s) in the stalking of a specific big animal". What communication is allowed and not allowed? Is it ok to tell someone an animal has blown out and to call of the stalk? What about two hunting partners separately glassing an area? Is it aiding in a stalk if they communicate the location of a newly discovered animal? What is the line between locating and stalking animals? Is using two-way communication to "locate" animals allowed? Two -way communication is important for safety and meeting back up with hunting partners. Even if it is not used in the stalk, hunters will be in possession of two-way communication devices, especially cell phones. Proving they were used incorrectly would be difficult and worse, anyone could be accused of breaking the law because everyone is going to have two-way communication devices (cellphones) on them. This rule is ambiguous, difficult to enforce, and could lead to false accusations of law breaking. I have never used two-way communication on a stalk and don't intend to but I see major issues with this rule. Not every ethical decision needs to be dictated by law.

Prohibiting vision enhancement technology is incredibly vague. If you google "vision enhancement technology" Lasik surgery is the first thing that comes up. Surely, that can't be what the recommended rule change intends. Specifics on what kind of devices would fall under this criterion are necessary. When "nanotechnology" is added to the search it only adds to the confusion as it seems like this could be referring to other eyesight enhancing procedures. This rule makes zero sense as written and needs to be clarified.

I agree with the other proposals within the technology regulations. It is important to get out ahead of AI and recognition software. I have seen some beta versions used that essentially pick out animals on a landscape and that technology will only get better. It is not fair chase.

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April 4, 2023 10:20 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I think most if not all unit tags need to be reduced because of the big winter kill off this year

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? First, the restricted weapons. I think there you need to elaborate more on where those are being applied. Is it for certain tags or all tags.
Second, the communication. I think that it should be legal to use two way radios because communication is really important while hunting

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I'm glad to see some of our southern units hopefully turning a corner. I think it is very good to keep the door open to adjust tag recommendations in between now and the May Wildlife Board Meeting. This winter has been hard on animals, especially the deer in some areas in northern and central Utah. I wouldn't be opposed to seeing additional buck tags cut in areas throughout the state, including my favorite units. Antlerless deer and pronghorn hunts should take a pause on units or areas hardest hit by the winter.

One question I had is about tag numbers. I was doing some hunt research/planning for different archery hunts and noticed that the draw odds for the 2022 season and permits listed on the harvest data for last year are different on some units. I am just wondering why they are different. For example, the Manti 2022 draw odds list 1,175 tags drawn (resident and non resident) for archery season. Adding in the youth and lifetime archery tags adds an additional 124 tag for a total of 1,299 tags on the draw odds. The harvest data list 1,462 permits were issued for the archery deer hunt. I did this for a couple additional archery hunts/units with a similar results. I am just wondering where the extra 163 tags were issued. I'm assuming they were they youth archery tags purchased after the draw? Is that correct?

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I agree with the proposals for OIL permit recommendations. Thank you for all your efforts to keep these unique herds managed.

Is there anyway to shift the Central Mountains (Nebo/Manti) out of the Wasatch moose unit and create a new unit with a more individualized unit plan? I recognize that moose on these units are spread out compared to other units and there likely wouldn't be very many tags available should they break off the Wasatch. That stated there are moose on these units and the moose could benefit from this change. We have lots of OIL tags with only 1-4 tags available.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I know the division has taken some heat for some of the upcoming changes for the elk hunts. Overall, I think there are some good changes with tag distribution percentages that will accomplish the two fold vision for our Limited Entry elk hunts (opportunity and quality). I hope we give the changes in Limited Entry tags at least 3-5 years to determine the impact (+ and -) of these changes.

I've already expressed my concerns (strongly disagree due to unlimited tags on 2nd rifle) with the any bull permit numbers when those changes were proposed. Each any bull unit's needs and total available bulls are vastly different due to a number of factors (South Slope compared to Tintic/Oak Creek). With the unlimited permits during second rifle, a branch antler bull requirement would at least ensure a few branch antlered bulls are available the next season on our lowest elk density any bull units without putting many extra mouths on the landscape.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? I strongly approve of the proposal for pronghorn tags, no concerns.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Overall, the antlerless recommendations look good to me. I'm worried about our deer and antelope populations so thank you for cutting antlerless tags in some areas. Around my neck of the woods, the elk I've seen seem fat and happy this winter.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? I don't have any concerns with the CWMU tag proposals.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change? I don't have any concerns with this proposed rule change.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

I think the proposal for reporting and retrieval/meat requirements is spot on. I would like to see required harvest reporting for all big game hunts within 30 days of the season ending with the same consequence if not completed as stated in the proposal.

I strongly agree with all the wildlife health considerations with one exception: the of selling inedible by products. I am fully supportive of the current rule as stated in the current Big Game Field Regulations and don't see a need to change the rule. The new proposal appears to restricts the selling of hides, pelts, shed antlers, etc. so I strongly disagree with that portion of the proposal.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Overall, I agree with the majority of proposals. I am happy that these conversations are happening and actions are being taken. I hope these conversations will continue to happen as keeping up with innovative technology is a never ending task. So thank you! I would like to see additional restrictions on long range range rifles and restricting scopes on muzzleloaders for the regular weapon definitions.

I also somewhat disagree with the proposal to ban communication devices. The other proposals in 'other recommendations' are all spot on as they are new/emerging technologies that haven't been the norm in the hunting community. Communication tools have been the norm for a number of years and can be used positively. This includes coaching new hunters on a stalk, communicating shot placements (hits or misses), helping track a wounded animal (is that is still be considered stalking), and others hunting situations that might be considered stalking. For those reasons, I somewhat disagree with that portion of the proposal. I do recognize and acknowledge that use of these tools can give a hunter an edge over an animal and understand that perspective. There are a host of additional hunting tools mentioned and not mentioned in these proposals that give a tactical human advantage over an animal during a stalk that aren't getting regulated.

Should any of these proposals pass, I hope they are followed on private and public land hunts. I am concerned that if these proposals pass it will play out similar to the trail camera regulations. It starts as a rule for all areas (private/public), private landowners or other special interest groups get special treatment by the Legislature, and next thing you know there is a double standard for hunting rules/regulations in Utah that are literally defined by which side of a fence line you are standing on. That is wrong on so many levels and is a terrible image for hunting as a whole. If fair chase is truly what is being targeted with these proposals, all hunters need to be held to the same standard. Fair chase is fair chase regardless of who owns the land, how much a tag cost, etc. Let's not be picking and choosing who has to play by the rules and who gets to play by 'special' rules.

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I own and hunt with a Garmin Xero bow sight. The sight enables me to make a much more accurate and ethical shot. I still must practice regularly and understand my equipment and the game. The sight does not enable me to shoot longer ranges or otherwise gain an advantage.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I understand data gathered from previous years and how this is used, however I strongly believe this winter has severely impacted our wildlife across the state and would hope this will be seriously considered when deciding tag numbers. I cannot imagine how we can not possibly reduce tag numbers across the state, let alone how we can increase in some area's? I spend plenty of time in the areas I hunt year round and have noticed a significant decrease in deer numbers. Thank you.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I understand stand the buck tag issue is a sensitive subject. With that being said, I don't see how raising the tag numbers in some areas is beneficial. I spend copious amount of time watching the deer herds year around and have watched a steady decline the last several years in buck/doe numbers. In the video it says that "cutting tag numbers isn't always the right solution", but I strongly disagree with that comment. When a heard is already on a decline and the issuing of more tags on top of a harsh winter, that will most definitely make a severe impact on the future populations.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I attended a presentation by UDWR last night. It appears that the numbers used for the model to predict tag numbers were very conservative. In other words, overwinter survival of adults and fawns is considerably higher than was used in the models. Is this true? If so, doesn't this mean we are leaving opportunity on the table when there is way more demand than availability?

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Thank you for finally realizing that every 8 year old bull is not 380". We have squandered so many animals and these changes are going in the right direction.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? I am so tired of CWMUs not doing their share to regulate elk populations. Allocation of bull tags should be dependent on significant cow harvest--especially in units over objective.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change? I like the CWMU program. However, the incentives are too large at the expense of the public hunter.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I like everything proposed except 2-way communication. I do not understand why hunting partners should not be able to communicate with each other on the mountain. Way more ethical to communicate and get within 50 yards of an animal than to shoot a long-range gun and take an animal at 900 yards, but nothing is being done with long-range wounding??

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

My problem is not with the biologist and the adjustment of the tag numbers, but rather with the objectives that they were given to adjust to. He is right in saying they can increase tags to meet those new objectives. However I take issue with two aspects of those objectives.

1. The main issue I see here is I do not see how the division can be confident in the age class of bulls that are being killed. Without requiring every limited entry bull to be aged how can they say what the average age class of a unit even is? Further, making age data random and not required tends to skew the age numbers upwards. People who kill older, bigger bulls are much more likely to want to know the age of those bulls than those who kill younger smaller bulls. I would strongly urge the division to require aging of all limited entry bulls that are taken. That way, we can work off of accurate data when making these decisions. If cost is the concern, that could even be built into the cost of the tag itself. Besides that I don't see any reason why that should not be required. I don't buy that you can get a small sample and then guess age class for an entire unit based on a small sampling.

2. With that I also don't agree with lowering the age class across all units. I see why that may be necessary across some units to help deal with point-creep and increase opportunity. I also see why some guys and gals don't want to wait 25+ years to draw a limited entry hunt. However, there are a strong base of us that are willing to wait that long to chase older more mature bulls. Some of our top end units should be managed to provide that type of hunt, instead of lowering the age class across the board. In fact, the top end units are the ones that will suffer most with the age class being lowered an entire year. I don't buy that we can increase opportunity and maintain quality. Let bulls grow up in some units and give sportsman an opportunity to wait for those older, more mature units.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I believe that the majority of the changes recommended would be very beneficial, particularly the drone and aircraft suggestion. I have seen more videos recently of guys flying drones very close to deer to get a cool shot.

I DISAGREE with the 2-way communication restriction. I have been on many hunts where radios were used. The majority of the time, the animal finds a way to slip out the back door while the spotter isn't looking. I do not believe that the radios would impact the harvest success to where we need to limit them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?	The south part of the state permit numbers look ok. They took large cuts in years past and are just bringing some permits back. It doesn't feel like enough cuts on some of the north units.
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?	The permit numbers make sense. The permit allocations to archery make no sense. Why do we give permits to one group when most of those hunts have a similar success rate? Stop dividing hunters.
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?	I agree with the overall permit numbers and plan. I do not agree with giving archery hunters more permits to hunt.
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?	We hunt antlerless animals too late into the year.
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	No real changes to cwmu permits after the winter we had? This recommendation just shows that the cwmus run the division and the division has little input with tag numbers.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change? employees should be able to apply. Family of the owners shouldn't.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? Some good changes. This still leaves a lot of meat on the mountain though.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I agree with all of the changes. No electronics on weapons, finally! No using electronic communication to guide hunters into the animal, finally! These two changes will help level the playing field. PASS THEM!!!!
Now, you need to restrict scopes on muzzleloaders.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Thank you for your time and efforts to address technology. While I agree with the committee and their attempts to curb high-technology in hunting that ruin all the fun of the hunt, I think that the committee has overreached with disallowing low level technology in hunting scenarios. Examples: 1)non transmitting trail cameras. Yes I know there is a season, but most areas are inaccessible for 6/7 months allowed, it is like telling my boy that he can have cookies from 12am to 8 am and telling him he had his chance. 2)Scopes with electronics built in like rangefinders, would it really kill hunting if we knew the exact elevation drop in our scope? 3)2 way radios, call me crazy but I would like to know if the deer has ran out of the county while I stalk or if my brother wants to stay in a canyon because he sees something. If we don't embrace some level of technology, we are going to lose the recruiting battle with the youth of today and like it or not they are drawn to tech. Are we really "increasing opportunity for hunters" if we are cutting off our proverbial nose to spite our face to "preserve hunting traditions". Some hunters really enjoy the "purity" of hunting like our ancestors did hundreds of years ago. Cool, let's have all the tech and modern invention restrictions in a haams hunt and let the rest of us hunt according to our own fair chase ethos on the general hunt. Like I just learned in the buck deer recommendations video, how we hunt bucks(and big game animals) doesn't influence the numbers of deer like mother nature does, so let's stop shooting ourselves in the foot and over regulating things so much that our kids don't want to join in on the tradition of the hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

How do you plan to monitor and enforce no communications to stalk big game? we have kids in the field who are and will become old enough in the coming years to hunt by themselves. we use radios to communicate with them and keep them safe.

also, please do not take away scopes for muzzle loaders. we have youth hunters and scopes really help them to ethically make good shots. we do not shoot over 100 yards. going back to a 1x scope is useless and does not help. if a change has to be made to reign in long range ML hunters, go to a fixed power scope only, not variable

also with the trail camera law, ban all cell service cameras, not all cameras.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

After watching the video, I am concerned with a few things. The most important to me is to grow a sustainable deer herd statewide. In the video Mr. Mangus states "hunt them while you got'em." This comment to me represents how I have felt the division manages deer. Over the past several years, the population objectives have been decreased, significantly. This tells me that growing the population is not the main concern, as it should be. The comment did not sit well with me, maybe he meant it differently but it comes across like they expect deer hunting to come to an end which is not a viable option.

By my calculations, in order to not lose funding, the division has shuffled tag numbers around so the state doesn't bring in less money. The cuts amount to less than \$60K and you'll make up that with the ridiculous amount of elk tags being allotted.

I am optimistic about the predator plan, we need more of this as it has helped. I noticed that the fawn crop looks better than the past several years. Coyotes and bears need to be looked at as well, but we have good start regarding lions.

I would love to see the population of the deer increase exponentially to where we could get to a point of 70% or more of the applicants could hunt each year and still grow the population with quality bucks.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I would like to see the conservation tags be eliminated and put into the draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

This plan will not make a difference on how many hunters can draw a tag but for a few years. After that, without increasing the number of animals, you will not have more bulls to hunt. The new elk plan is asinine and in my opinion a grab for money that is unsustainable.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?	Youth should receive 85% of all antlerless permits. Honestly, we should have next to zero antlerless permits until all population objectives are met.
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	I personally feel that the CWMU program is corrupt. I don't feel that the permit allocations are fairly distributed. The animals are tax payer property and the land is private. It should be a 50/50 split, not a 90/10 as it is in most cases.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?	Strongly agree
Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?	<p>Good start to a needed topic. I would eliminate the fine and require a year of ineligibility for all applications.</p> <p>Game retrieval is unenforceable. It is an ethics question but I do not know how this will change anything.</p>
Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?	Trail Camera rule needs to be made for public and private property hunters as equals. I agree mostly with the rest of this.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I am very excited about the proactive efforts of the emerging technologies committee. I support the proposed technology restrictions and I hope that this is just a starting point. As a local Utah hunter I want to voice my support in restricting and eliminating certain technologies that have crept into our hunting culture. If we are going to keep the general Muzzleloader season we definitely need to eliminate scopes. The only reason that a separate season was specifically put in place for muzzleloaders is because they were a short range firearm. That is not the case anymore and they have turned into extremely long range weapons. I know this because I shot a cow elk last year at 278 yards with a modern muzzleloader. So as someone who is currently using modern muzzleloader technology I can say with certainty that they can shoot too far to justify a dedicated season unless we take them back to open sights.

It is clear that technology is killing our hunting heritage. Hunters today would unanimously agree that it would be wrong to hunt animals with drones while we sit on our couches. If we were to show hunters from even one generation ago what technology we were using today, they would think the same thing and say it is wrong. We live in a unique time and we need to be extremely careful not to let technology creep in and destroy our hunting culture because it absolutely will.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The creation of the "Restricted Weapons" definitions is very exciting, especially the definition for Traditional Archery. We definitely need to change this from "restricted weapons" to "traditional weapons" or something along those lines. Hunters hate the idea of being "restricted" or limited or having anything taken away and by calling these "restricted weapons" it is going to create unnecessary opposition and confusion. I know it's just a word but I have already seen many hunters having a hard time looking past that "R" word. The truth is that these will be the tools that can be used to expand hunting opportunities and lessen the negative impact on our resources simultaneously. Traditional Archery has extreme potential to positively impact the entire hunting community if it is implemented into game management in a broad and meaningful way. I have spent a lot of time gathering public input and looking at the potential for Traditional Archery to be used as a game management tool and would love to have the opportunity to discuss further. I genuinely feel like this is something that could be hugely beneficial for the entire hunting community and should not be overlooked.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I am writing in regards to the Wasatch west unit, I believe we need more than a 100 tag reduction on this unit. I have seen a massive decline in the number of deer in the past ten years. I believe more than half the unit winters off the Wasatch back and has seen a very high mortality this years winter. I appreciate all the work your doing to protect are deer heard thanks!

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I would like to comment on the Wasatch west unit my first concern is how you can manage a buck to doe ratio when there are way more bucks on the northern half which is archery only. the southern part has gone way down in the last 12 years that I've been hunting it. I use to see thirty bucks in the high country on summer scouting trips now I'm lucky if I see more then five, and the age class is gone haven't seen a four plus year old deer in the last three years. My second concern is a lot of these deer winter off the Wasatch back and I know the division was busy picking up a lot of dead deer this year up there, I think we need some major cuts in the southern half of this unit and as someone who hunts this unit every year I would gladly miss out a year or two to see the deer rebound. Thanks for listening to my rant!

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I am confused on the definition of "electronics" attached to your bow. I use a sight that has digital readout. It is useful if I need to adjust my sight I can do so without getting out my reading glasses. Will this be banned? A few sights on the market have built in range finders. It eliminates the need to carry a separate rangefinder. Although it doesn't help you find the animals any easier, range finders help make more accurate shots. In my mind this means less wounded animals. Will rangefinders be banned also? Only rangefinders that are attached to the bows or all rangefinders? I would love to hear someone explain this if it is infact the case that these items will be banned.

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Why no illuminated reticle for crossbows? We are very limited in sights/scopes for these. Finding a no magnification scope without illumination is almost impossible. And it also has to be able to handle reverse recoil. I have contacted vortex and they do not offer anything that has zero magnification without illumination. And no open sights are offered that I can find.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

These proposals are well thought out and I strongly agree with the proposed changes. From what I understand the money generated from hunting licenses is essential for conservation efforts. If that is true then it would be great if we had a way to increase or maintain hunting license revenue while simultaneously reducing our impact on our resources. This is where the traditional hunting weapons or "restricted" hunting weapons can be used as extremely important game management tools. I hope that it can be effectively communicated to the hunting community how much we (the hunting community) stand to GAIN through by utilizing more traditional hunting weapons and not making it look like a way to "restrict" us.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

I strongly agree with the proposed changes. From what I understand the money generated from hunting licenses is essential for conservation efforts. If that is true then it would be great if we had a way to increase or maintain hunting license revenue while simultaneously reducing our impact on our resources even during drought or severe winter years. This is where the traditional hunting weapons or "restricted" hunting weapons can be used as extremely important game management tools. I hope that it can be effectively communicated to the hunting community how much we (the hunting community) stand to GAIN through by utilizing more traditional hunting weapons and not making it sound like a way to "restrict" us. The hunting community is extremely sensitive to "restrictions".

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Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? This plan is well throughout and I appreciate the work that goes into this.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Neither agree nor disagree

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

This is excellent. I think the requirement to "physically check the spot where the animal was located during the shot to see if it was wounded or killed" would even be a good thing to have printed out on the physical tag, especially for rifle and muzzleloader hunts where long shots are common and many hunters do not follow up on a shot unless they see an animal drop.

As a hunter who highly values animals as a food source I personally believe that all edible meat be harvested from the animal and would like to see our requirements be more similar to Alaska regulations.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Southern Region Units listed are increasing 2525 permits even though most of them are under objective or just at objective. This is being done after the longest, coldest, wettest, winter in Utah History. Why???? This is when tags should be decreased due to the likelihood that many of the bucks that were counted could have died after losing their horns during their most vulnerable time of winter February - April when at the weakest!!!! Don't let them kill the bucks this year when in reality they don't have any idea what survived after February. These counts are done prior to that right??? If they all lived we should have plenty of feed to hold them over due to all the water in the hills until 2024. This is not stockpiling, this is common since!!!! CONSIDER WAITING A YEAR TO INCREASE TAGS AFTER WE KNOW THE FULL EFFECT TO OUR DEER AFTER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WINTER ON RECORD!!!! INSTEAD DECREASE TAGS FOR THE TIME BEING!!

Beaver under objective 3 year - Pahvant in objective parameter - Monroe Under Objective 3 year
Dutton under objective 3 year - Zion in objective parameter - Pine Valley in objective parameter

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I really like the increases that were made for the Pine Valley and Zion units. I can support what they were increased to. I know Pine Valley has always been a unit of contention when a tag increase is proposed. I probably spend as much time or more than anyone else that hunts there and I like seeing big deer just the same as the next person. But right now, the odds to draw that tag if you were to start with 0 points last year. It would take 15 years to draw the second rifle hunt. That's not what we want to see for a GS deer unit. The deer are down right now but I still seen good bucks last year. They are still there. I just had to work a little harder to find them. PLEASE!! Don't decrease the tags lower then what the proposed numbers are. Thanks for your time

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I wish the presentation had a more detail on why a unit is being increased or decreased from the previous year.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I really appreciate all that was involved in restructuring the elk hunts. I think this is a great step to having options to be able to increase tags over the next few years.
I would like to see more tags issued on the Beaver unit. Last year it was increase by 27 tags and the average age still went up. With it being 1.4 years over the objective I believe it could be raised up closer to 85-90 tags and still be just fine.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I was one that was in favor of scopes on muzzleloaders. I think we made a mistake by allowing that. I would like to see it go to open sights only. Utah is one of the last states now to allow a scope on a muzzy. The same reason tags were cut on the early rifle elk hunt is the same reason to go back to open sights on muzzys. That hunt will still be a very high success rate as long as we allow scopes to be used. Also, when the late season muzzy deer hunts were passed there was no scopes allowed. I believe that hunt would have never pass today with the way muzzleloaders can shoot with a scope.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I only have one strongly held objection to the proposal. That is on the restriction of electronics on archery equipment. I have hunted in Utah with a Garmin Xero bowsight for 4 years now and the ability to get an accurate range from the integrated range finder has made me a more ethical shot. It would be a mistake to remove this ability from those that take advantage of the new technology because those yardages make such an important difference when archery hunting. Misjudging a yardage is perhaps the most common issue in wounding animals and feel strongly that for archery hunters, an exception should be included to allow range finding devices to be used or mounted to the bow. Thank you for considering my perspective on the matter.

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I have spent thousands of dollars this last year investing in a good rifle and optics. The range finding scope I purchased was only to help me make a more accurate and ethical shot. In my opinion it does not interfere with "keeping up with the traditions of hunting" in Utah! I feel like it is taking away my rights as a hunter just like our government is trying to do and I'm getting tired of government overreach! Please reconsider range finding scopes being outlawed.. it just helps by taking the guesswork out of shooting and allows for more ethical shooting.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? There isn't 15000 deer in the Nebo unit. Not even close. And there certainly isn't 21 per 100 on that unit. Ask any hunter with a permit. No one will agree with that number. I'm not sure how they are coming up these numbers, but these estimates are not even close on some units. It doesn't take someone with a biology degree to know that number is no where close to accurate.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Once again the public is not being told the entire truth and that's wrong. Your proposed permit numbers should not include the expo permits that have already been given out. I don't know why honesty and transparency is such a hard concept for the division to grasp, but it's not right. These expo tags really should be coming out of the non resident pools as well. Residents shouldn't have to be the ones sacrificing their opportunities when these tags can go to anyone from anywhere. Non residents get boned in just about every other state in the west. It's time utah starts treating non residents the same way. Take their opportunities. Not ours. These permits should have never come at the expense of our residents.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Quit giving out so many private lands tag! The elk belong to the public! land owners get enough permits and special hunting opportunities.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

<p>Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?</p>	<p>CWMU program is a scam.</p>
<p>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change?</p>	<p>Anyone associated with a CWMU should not be allowed to enter the public draw for these tags.</p>
<p>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?</p>	<p>Somewhat agree</p>
<p>Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?</p>	<p>If people miss the deadline period to report their harvest, they shouldn't be allowed to buy their way out of the penalty. If they can buy out of it, it's needs to be a substantial amount like \$500. 30 days once the season ended is PLENTY of time. If they can't remember to do it, then maybe they will take it a little more seriously when they have to sit out the next year during applications to think about their error and make sure they don't ever forget about it again.</p>
	<p>Also, utah needs an established shed season that should start April 15. There also needs to be a mandatory requirement that anyone shed hunting needs to have a valid combination or hunting license in their possession. We should also do what wyoming did to non residents and keep April 15-30 for residents only. May 1 is the start date for anyone else with a valid permit. It's time to keep up with our neighboring states and the regulations they are making to take care of their wildlife and citizens.</p>
<p>Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?</p>	<p>It's [REDACTED] that trail cams are now legal on private land for hunting use. If the peasants can't use them, neither can anyone else. It's not fair! I understand this new change isn't a result from the divisions doing. But the WB needs to come back and say 'no, if the public can't use them for hunting, neither can the private'. Casey Snider needs to be removed from his position on the norther RAC and give that seat to someone else who doesn't abuse their power and wants to represent the public and look out for the best interests of Utahs wildlife. Casey has no desire to do either. He's pursuing a personal agenda and being a snake to achieve that goal.</p>

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I support making decisions based on the best available data. I'm glad to hear that biologists are going to watch how April unfolds and recommend changes if needed. In general, though, I am in favor of the recommendations. There's no sense listening to the doom-and-gloom crowds who want to shut the hunts down after a winter like this, because bucks don't give birth! Let's hunt them as much as we can reasonably hunt them, especially on the general units. I'm especially glad to see units in southern Utah that had major tag cuts the past few years start to get closer to normal levels.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I support anything we can do to increase hunting opportunity for these species.

Are we actually creating opportunity with the archery goat/sheep tags or are we just shuffling things around?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

I'm excited to see more permits offered and hope we can keep that trend going.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

I'm happy to see more permits offered.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? I support mandatory harvest reporting.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? The recommendations seem reasonable. I hope they new weapons definitions will be used to increase opportunity.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

2500 permits in the Central (Oqurrih-Stansbury) unit especially after the amount of snow pack and it has not even melted yet. That's not a very conservative number. I get the State needs revenue and y'all want opportunities but at what cost to the overall deer population. Last year I hunted that very unit (it was pitiful) too many tags given. 3 bucks seen on 6 days of hunting (2 two points + 1 Spike). So I ate tag soup and I basically would highly recommend reducing the numbers even more in my humble opinion. Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I strongly disagree with adding 400 buck tags to the Manti. While the buck go do ratio may be high, this is not the only metric that should be considered. After this years winter kill, the overall population will be reduced. I suggest we leave tag numbers the same or reduce them.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I oppose adding any doe tags after this years winter kill.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I am opposed to restricting handheld communication as it will be extremely hard to enforce and doesn't have a significant impact on harvest. If you really want to reduce hunter efficiency, take scopes off of muzzleloaders.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I oppose adding 400 deer tags to the manti. I drive highway 6 every day for work and have seen the road and winter kill. Those deer are in no place to have 400 tags added.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I strongly disagree with the proposed deer permit recommendations for the Central region, specifically the Nebo and Manti units.

I work in Fountain Green day to day and have seen with my own eyes deer experiencing great winter loss as well as much higher then normal highway mortality. Highway mortality in Sanpete county is beyond a joke with little to no work being done by the division to help the deer. (Fences, Crossings, etc)

The winter Loss in and around town is very sad and I feel like raising permits on the Nebo 400 is extremely poor judgment on the part of our DWR and biologists. If anything, we should be cutting tags by 400. If you do not believe me, I will take you out to the pit on the WMA area that we have been throwing the roadkill and winter kill. 100+ Deer easily and thats just from around town.

Please, Reconsider this proposal for adding 400 deer permits.

Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I have a problem with the West Desert West and the West Desert Tintic both of these units are managed for 15 to 17 buck to doe ratio the 3 year average is 12.5. More needs to be done through reduction of permits to bring these units into compliance with the management plan. There was a slight decrease in permits in 2022, This was a move in the right direction but not enough.

These 2 units are the worst buck to 100 doe ratio in the state and have been since the creation of the multi units. at which time they were 9.5 buck to 100 does there has been minimal effort to bring these units to the buck to doe ratio in the management plan.

As a side note the dedicated hunters on both of these units exceed the 10% the the plan allows.